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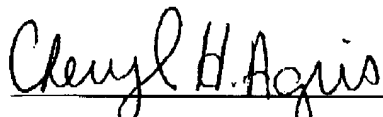
I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
2. Amendment (in Response to January 12, 2004) Office Action

was sent to the United States Patent Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner at fax number (703) 872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,

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37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated **January 12, 2004** be extended for a period of

☐ 1 month at a fee of ☐ \$110 for a large entity or ☒ \$55 for a small entity

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No additional claims fees are required.

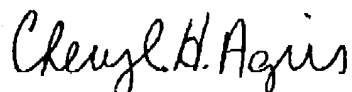
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Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on January 12, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 12, 2004 Office Action was originally due February 12, 2004. This response is accompanied by a Petition to Extend Time.